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1. Efforts to organize the Special Brigades (Special Pursuit Brigades?) appear to have been successful. Two more (sic) such brigades have been organized. Some Communists are said to have been purged because of their opposition to the organization of these Special Brigades.
2. According to information received by source, the Albanian Army numbers only 55,000, including Security forces, which are said to number between 20,000 and 25,000.
3. 7 and 31 Infantry Regiments of the Permet and Gjinokaster regions, respectively, have exchanged locations during the month of May.
4. No changes were reported in the border-guard units in the sector between Leskoviki and Erseke.
5. An infantry regiment moved from Erseke to the region of Vithkouki-Jaf'e Thanës, where other units of this division (sic) were going to assemble for maneuvers.
6. In a recent clash at Mavri Petra, the Albanian troops had seven wounded.
7. On 20 April 1950, three armed Greek guerrillas went through the village of Kresove in the direction of eastern Grammos. Another group of five men, wearing military uniforms, and having a wireless set, passed through the same place on their way to the eastern region of Grammos. Two of the members of this group had formed part of a group of Greek Communists who returned from the USSR toward the end of April 1950 following a period of training there; it was said that they brought new "plans" with them. Informant was unable to learn the names of these men, but the leader was called Leonidas.
8. [REDACTED] 600 Greek guerrillas are located in a camp near Burrel, and another 700-1,000 Greek guerrillas are in a camp between Durres and Shkoder, on the Ismi River. All of them are undergoing training, but without weapons. They have receiving lessons in Communist theory and in the principles of guerrilla warfare. Their camps are restricted areas which civilians may not approach.

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9. There are also said to be about 100 other Greek Communists at the disposition of the Sigurimi posts located along the Albano-Greek border from Sarande to Korce; they are sent into Greece in groups to gather intelligence, particularly from the cities.

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